X-ray spectral fitting in X-ray survey fields: CDF-S and COSMOS

Chandra Deep Field-South (CDF-S)

≈4Ms Chandra exposure (3Ms more to come in few-month timescale)

≈3Ms XMM-*Newton* exposure

Deep multi-wavelength coverage

One of the legacy fields (no deeper field for the next 20 yrs)

COSMOS

≈1.8Ms *Chandra* exposure (+2.8Ms extending area and depth)

≈1.55Ms XMM-Newton exposure

Deep multi-wavelength coverage

Shallower than the CDF-S but on a larger patch of the sky

Chandra: good on-axis PSF (i.e., excellent angular resolution) and low background → Sensitive to faint and distant AGN

XMM-Newton: larger effective area (hence photon statistics), but much worse angular resolution and higher background
→ Better for X-ray spectroscopy of relatively bright AGN

The deepest X-ray field: CDF-S



Capable of probing the high-z Universe with some photon statistics

Relatively large-area X-ray field: COSMOS



F(0.5-2keV)≈1.9×10⁻¹⁶ erg/cm²/s

Capable of probing rare (e.g., luminous) objects

PLAN (I)

MAIN

- CDF-S: Fit Chandra spectra for 2/4 sources (excluding XID_Xue11=198) and the XMM spectra (all EPIC cameras) for these two sources; compare the spectral results
- 2. COSMOS: Fit simultaneously Chandra/XMM/NuSTAR data for one of the two AGN

XID_Xue11	XID_XMM	Source coordinates	z	Opt. Class + Info]
412	144	03:32:29.86 -27:51:06.1	3.700	NL (Comastri+11)	
546	180	03:32:39.68 -27:48:51.1	3.064	NL (Vito+13)	
533	48	03:32:38.93 -27:57:00.9	0.298	NL	CDF-S
193	289	03:32:13.25 -27:42:41.3	0.605	NL	
198	-	03:32:13.86 -27:42:49.3	0.735	NL (close to Xue=193)	

2	Chandra-ID	XMM-ID	Source coordinates	z	Opt. Class	
cosmos	358	1	150.10517 +1.98123	0.372	BL	
	482	2608	150.42484 +2.066277	0.125	NL	

All spectra and response matrices are provided

PLAN (II)

MAIN – CDFS

- 1. Group the spectra (grppha) accordingly to the quality of the data
- 2. Load spectra in XSPEC
- 3. Define a spectral model and fit it to the data
- 4. Once a physically justified model is obtained, save the X-ray spectral parameters (including errors) and produce confidence contours
- 5. Check for further components (to lower the data/model residuals) Return to point 3.
- 6. For each spectrum, compare *Chandra* and XMM-*Newton* spectral results

MAIN – COSMOS

1. The same as above; here all of the spectra (*Chandra*, XMM-*Newton* and *NuSTAR*) are fitted *simultaneously*. What about relative normalizations?

NuSTAR: two detectors, large PSF FWHM, strong gradients in the background (dark regions in the figure below) across the field of view – <u>data not public yet!</u>



PLAN (III)

OPTIONAL (not necessarily in this order)

- a. Fit some of the remaining CDF-S Chandra/XMM-Newton spectra
- b. Verify the X-ray spectral differences between XMM_ID=289 and the two Chandra sources XID_Xue11=193 and 198
- c. Fit the COSMOS spectra of the remaining source



All spectra and response matrices are provided

Main publications

CDF-S

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• Xue Y.Q. et al., 2011, ApJS, 195, 10 4Ms Chandra source catalog

• Vito F. et al. 2013, MNRAS, 428, 354 *High-redshift AGN population in the CDF-S: X-ray spectra and LogN-LogS*

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• Norman C. et al. 2002, ApJ, 571, 218 Focus on the preliminary Chandra data of the obscured AGN at z=3.700

COSMOS

• Brusa M. et al. 2010, ApJ, 716, 348 The XMM-Newton wide-field survey in the COSMOS field (XMM-COSMOS)

• Civano F. et al. 2012, ApJ Suppl., 201, 30 The Chandra COSMOS Survey. III. Optical and infrared identification of X-ray point sources